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INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL NOT PAY UP.

They Assert Plague Fires Were Not In- sured Against.

THE OPINION OF AN ATTORNEY.

NEW CASES OF INTEREST BROUGHT IN THE COURTS.

1. R. Burns Brings Suit Against W. H. Hayselden—Pumping Plant at Palawai to be Seized—Court Notes.

On January 29, 1900, as the readers of The Republican will recall, the big fire swept Chinatown, destroying \$1,500,000 of property. The fire was started by order of the Board of Health. It was to destroy premises infected with the plague. The flames got beyond the control of the Fire Department and swept to the water-front.

A number of insured firms, burnt out by the blaze, have brought actions to recover the amount of their insurance.

The insurance companies, as indicated by their answers filed yesterday, are going to fight the cases.

The cases involved are Yee Wo Chan & Co., and Won Chong, who have policies in the German Alliance Insurance Company; Quong Sam Kee & Co., who have a policy in Aetna Insurance Company; Yee Wo Chan & Co., who have three policies in Insurance Company of North America.

In all of these cases the defendants, in their answers, deny each and every allegation contained in the complaints. And for their answers say that the destruction of the properties mentioned by complainants occurred from and through causes not insured against by said contracts of insurance.

"There is no longer a matter than the dry legal papers contain," said a prominent attorney to a Republican reporter yesterday. "If the courts hold that the complainants have no redress against the insurance companies; that the companies are absolved from paying the amounts of insurance, then who is to pay? Certainly some one is responsible and liable for the destruction of property, and more, the losses must be paid. In my opinion, the Republic of Hawaii, is solely responsible for the destruction of property in the big fire of January 29, whether the property was destroyed by accident or not."

When United States District Judge Eaton arrived there promises to be a vast amount of litigation before him as a result of the many building plague fires started at the command of the Board of Health.

I. R. Burns has begun suit against W. H. Hayselden for \$537.40, the amount of premium on a life insurance policy sold defendant by Burns.

The Rialto Iron Works of San Francisco have begun an action against the Maunaloa Sugar Company for a balance of \$15,435.75, due plaintiff on the pumping plant purchased by defendant corporation and also for services rendered and material sold and delivered.

A motion has been made to amend answer in the case of Makai vs. Adam and Albert Horner. It is a force closure case. Horner, one of the defendants, alleges at the time the land was purchased from Adam by himself, Makai acted as a broker in negotiating the sale. He was advised by the plaintiff to buy the land, and at the time, or fourteen years thereafter, did he claim to have a mortgage on the land. Defendant asks that the plaintiff be estopped from enforcing his mortgage, if he have any.

HASKELL, THE FRIEND OF DOWNING, IN JAIL.

Three men, arrested in a Miller-street swindle joint on Wednesday evening appeared in the police court yesterday on a charge of drunkenness. Two of the men, Gilfoil and Hoolaloa, pleaded guilty and were fined \$2 and costs.

TENDERLOIN STEAK AND JULEPS HOW THE SOUTHWELLS WERE IN- DUCED TO COME HERE.

The Glittering Picture Drawn by Man- ager Wolff and its Evanescent— A Chilly Proposition.

How members of the Southwell Opera Company were induced to come here has just come to the surface. The company, after its engagement in San Francisco, went to Los Angeles. The members had first-class through tickets to Boston. Southwell left the company at Los Angeles. It was while playing in that city that Wolff induced the members to come here. He was at the time manager. The most glowing description of Honolulu was given by Wolff. The tropics were an ideal spot in which to beguile away many weeks in languorous ease; living was cheap; tenderloin steaks, without bones in them, could be purchased for a quarter; beer and mint juleps cascaded down the streets in bubbling bounty; and if there was anything that would lubricate the throat of a vocalist it was coconut milk.

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But this is not all. For four weeks the members of the company received their salaries punctually. Then came a long wait between the acts, while the orchestra of discontent played dolorously and discordantly. Two weeks elapsed, and then Wolff, with beaming smile, had a proposition to make. The members gathered about him. There wasn't a jingle of coin in their pockets and their timepieces were at the jeweler's to be engraved.

Wolff's proposition was this: In order to receive their two weeks' salaries, which were in arrears, they must sign an agreement canceling their ten weeks' unexpired contracts. Some of the shapely chorus girls shed big gobs of tears. If they hadn't captured the demonized silver dollars of the manager they had made conquests of masculine hearts in Honolulu. Recollections of moonlight rides to Waikiki, and the pulsating wave beats on the beach came flittingly to their minds. But what were they to do?

Well, again to make a long story short, the members agreed to Wolff's proposition and the curtain falls with their departure to the Australia.

A BLOODED CHINAMEN WHO BAILS HIS FRIEND.

Ah Yan was arrested last night for smoking opium. He had not been in jail long when he was joined by his friend Lee Chu, a vegetable merchant who supplies ships in the harbor with garden truck.

FAXON BISHOP IS NOT GOING TO CUBA.

He Emphatically Says He Will Stay Here.

STATES TO FURNISH LABORERS.

ADVANTAGE OF EMPLOYING WHITE MEN GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED.

Another Planter Tells Why White Men Will Succeed on the Plantations—A White Man's Country.

"The statement published in a local paper that I was going to Porto Rico to secure laborers for the plantations is premature," said Fax on E. Bishop to a Republican reporter yesterday afternoon. "I have given up the project and I am not going."

"The time is shortly coming when the plantations will need more laborers. Under the immigration laws of the United States the supply of laborers from the Orient has been cut off. I see no way of obtaining them, except from the States."

Mr. Bishop was questioned about the advisability of employing white men.

"The trouble with white men when they come here," he answered, "is that they all want to become bosses. You go and ask Mr. Atherton about his experience with white men at Ewa. They sat around on the porches and hired Japanese to do the work."

"I think we will all have to admit that one white man, if he will work, can do three times the amount of labor that a Mongolian can. Look at the work done by white men on the severs. It is astonishing. The Mongolian is a bungling workman. He works left-handed, but he keeps constantly at it."

"If we could get a class of white men from the States that would work on the plantations conscientiously the labor problem would be solved."

"There are many new plantations, as you are aware, in the Islands. These plantations, as time passes, will require more and more men to cultivate and till the land."

"The price of labor is constantly advancing. A few months ago the ruling prices were from \$12.50 to \$15 a month. Now the planters are paying from \$17 to \$18, and help will shortly be scarce at these figures. You can state positively that I am not going to Porto Rico."

Another planter said: "I am in favor of white laborers on the plantations and no other. White labor, as paradoxical as it may seem, is the highest and cheapest that we can secure: the highest in price and much the cheapest in the results accomplished. Let me make my meaning clearer. We will have to pay more for white labor than we do for coolie labor; yet it will be found when the plan is thoroughly tried and tested that white labor, as I have said, is much the cheapest. Why? Simple enough. One white man will do more work, and do it much more satisfactorily than three Chinamen or Japanese. I will advance another proposition: The cheapest labor is the dearest. My wife is trying to make a cook of a Jap. She pays him \$2 a week. I swear I would be willing to give him \$5 a week if he would keep out of the kitchen. In his culinary work he leaves things undone that should be done and things done that should be undone. I reiterate with my wife, but she says that she can't get anyone else."

THE FIELD SPORTS ON IOLANI CAMPUS.

A Large Crowd Sees Good Sport— The Winners Rewarded For Their Work.

The sports at Iolani College campus yesterday were well attended, about 500 people being present. The events were all well contested and created much enthusiasm among the spectators, who had their favorites among the contestants.

NEW CONDITIONS IN THE HILO DISTRICT.

C. H. Brown Makes Va- rious Interesting Statements.

INCREASED TRADE AND BUILDING.

THE POLITICAL ATTITUDE OF THE NATIVES AND ITS CAUSE.

The Railways Have Placed Money in Circulation and Signs of Progress are Every- where Seen.

Mr. C. H. Brown, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Republican club at Hilo, was seen by a reporter of The Republican yesterday about affairs at that place. Mr. Brown is very much interested in the progress and welfare of the city on the crescent bay, where he has resided for the past five years. He has strong faith the town will keep abreast with all the improvements of the future, made necessary under Territorial government. He says:

THE SUMMER TERM OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Large Number of Teachers Present. —Hawaiian Association Will Hold a Two Days' Session.

The summer term of the Normal School began last Thursday at the High School building. There are now sixty-five teachers in attendance and others will come in from the outside districts next week.

The classes for the term have been arranged under the direction of Prof. Wood and his able staff of assistants. Great enthusiasm has been manifested among the teachers and pupils since the school opened and everyone is anxious to be working earnestly.

The daily work begins at 8:15 in the morning and closes at 3:15 in the afternoon. In addition to the regular school room work the course of instruction includes chalk and clay modeling, drawing, practical woodwork, upon apparatus to be used in the schools of the islands, and by others interested in the educational work of the islands.

ANOTHER CUTTING SCRAPE AT KAKAOKO.

A Man Badly Wounded in the Head—Claims He Was Cut by Palohia His Wife.

A native man and woman were brought to the police station at 7 o'clock last night from Kakaoko. The man was badly cut about the head and bleeding profusely.

He says that he was sleeping and was awakened by being struck on the head by the woman. He claims the assault was committed with a bottle or a hatchet he does not know which. He received two cuts in the back of the head and a long gash on the forehead, going clear across.

The woman, whose name is Palohia, says that she was sleeping and was awakened by somebody clutching her by the throat. She reached for something to defend herself with and struck her assailant.

The man was at first locked up, but was becoming so weak from loss of blood that he was sent to the Queen's Hospital, after being temporarily bandaged by Jailer Melaphy. The woman was held, pending investigation.

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There are now no less than 120 Americans engaged on the work, with more than a thousand natives employed under them.

Mr. Maher traversed the entire distance of the canal route, from Greytown, on the Atlantic, to Brito, on the Pacific. In common with the others of the surveyors, he endured many hardships and exposures, and fought the battles with disease that all white men must fight in tropical countries. Especially on the east coast, where the land is low and swampy, were the conditions severe. The men were compelled to sleep in tents, and for a part of the time were drenched almost nightly by rains. There were a number of fatalities among the surveyors from fever and accident.

The work of the surveyors is almost completed; but the bidders have a task before them that will require many months to finish. Wherever a lock or dam is to be located, foundation stone is sought for by means of diamond drills. If bed rock is not found at an accessible depth, the location is changed. This necessitates a constant moving about, and renders the use of heavy machinery impossible.

The power for the drills is furnished by natives, and the progress is consequently slow. The most difficult feat the drillers have tackled, however, is the locating of foundations in the San Juan River. The drilling in midstream is done from rafts, and the swift current makes the keeping of them in place almost an impossibility.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY AGAIN.

Manager Cross of the Wireless Telegraphy Company says that workmen are engaged putting up the mast on Hawaii. As yet no attempt has been made to send a message from Lanai to Oahu.

IRON MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD OW- ING TO ITS USEFULNESS IN- TERESTING FEATURES.

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"What Iron has done for civilization," was a very instructive essay. Iron was the most useful of all metals. It was more valuable than gold on account of its usefulness. What could the civilized world do without iron? Gold, precious in the arts, was a great metal

DEATH OF MISS GRAY.

Miss Sarah K. Gray, sister of Mrs. J. H. Hobron, died late Wednesday evening. Her death was due to apoplexy. She was 65 years of age and a native of New London, Conn. She came to Honolulu in 1858. She was highly esteemed by all those who knew her. The funeral will be held at 10:30 this morning from the residence of Mrs. Hobron, Nuuanu valley. The interment will be in the Nuuanu Cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Kincaid will officiate.

WILL SHOOT SATURDAY.

A squad of ten men each from the police force and Co. F. N. G. H. will shoot a match at the Iwilei range at 2 p. m. Saturday. The men will be picked shots and a good score is looked for. Captain Robt. Parker will command the police squad and Captain Sam Johnson the boys from the national guard.

WERE MARRIED YESTERDAY.

Frank C. Faxon and Miss Ida F. Hawkins, were married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, this city, yesterday, by the Rev. G. L. Pearson. Mr. Faxon is the Secretary and Manager of the American Power & Water Company, Limited, and his bride is a well known young lady of Honolulu. Mr. and Mrs. Faxon will take up their residence at Cottage Grove, on King street.

HARRY LEE'S CASE.

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FOUND A SICK HAOL.

Last evening about 6 o'clock as one of Judge Wilcox laborers was on his way home from the poi factory at Kalihi he heard screams coming from a clump of bushes near the road. He investigated and found a sick man. The man was a stranger. He appeared to be in great pain and was quite weak. The patrol wagon was summoned and the man taken to the police station. It was seen that he was very sick, and so he was sent to the Queen's Hospital. He says he is a sailor from the barkentine Kikikat which lately arrived from the coast with lumber.

Lives of great men all remind us of the value of adversity.